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Arizona Primaries, Poll Updates, and More

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Arizona Primaries: August 4: How to Be Eligible to Vote

Each political party conducts a primary election to choose which persons representing their party will compete in the general election, Nov. 3, 2020.

PEVL -Permanent Early Voting List. If you are already signed up for the "permanent early voting list," then you should have received your ballot already in the mail. If you want to be on the list, you must contact the County Recorder in YOUR county and do so by **July 24 (this Friday)!!** Here are some of the links:

Maricopa County: <https://recorder.maricopa.gov/>

Pima County: <https://recorder.pima.gov/>

Yavapai County: <https://www.yavapai.us/recorder>

Find all the other county recorders at this link: <https://azsos.gov/county-election-info>

Independent Voters – To vote in the primary you must decide whether you want to vote in the Democratic Primary or the Republican primary. You cannot choose Democratic for one contest and Republican for another – you have to decide! Then, you can contact the county recorder and tell them WHICH ballot you want to receive (Democrat, Republican, Libertarian), but this has to be done by **July 24 (Friday)**.

Not on the Permanent Early Voting List? You can also show up at the polls for early voting or on election day. Independents can request the ballot of your choice at that time (ID needed).

Still Need to Register, or Update or just want to go ahead and vote in person? Contact the County Recorder in your county, or try this link to Clean Elections: <https://www.azcleelections.gov/> Arizona has EARLY VOTING that has already started but will end this Friday, July 24. To see how to vote early, check this link <https://www.azcleelections.gov/arizona-elections/August-4-election>

Endorsements:

Planned Parenthood: Advocacy for women's reproductive rights
<https://www.plannedparenthoodaction.org/planned-parenthood-advocates-arizona/blog/ppaas-2020-candidate-endorsements-5-months-to-election-day-2>

Equality Arizona: advocacy for gay/lesbian rights <https://www.equalityarizona.org/elections>

Sierra Club: environmental advocacy <https://www.sierraclub.org/sites/www.sierraclub.org/files/sce/grand-canyon-chapter/election/2020%20guide%20color%207-20.pdf>

Small Business PAC: business oriented <https://www.nfib.com/content/news/arizona/small-business-pac-announces-primary-election-endorsements/>

Arizona Stand for Children endorsements: children's advocacy <http://stand.org/arizona/blog/announcing-our-2020-candidate-endorsements>

Candidate Information (general) <https://justfacts.votesmart.org/> type in a candidate's name and get information on them, including endorsements from various groups

Center for Arizona Policy (a far right, religious-oriented advocacy group)

<https://azaction.org/2020endorsements/>

Arizona Primaries: Candidates for Federal Office

U.S. Senate – Mark Kelly is unopposed for the Democratic nomination and Martha McSally is facing Daniel McCarthy and a write in candidate for the Republican. For the Libertarian party, Barry Hess is running against Alan White.

You can get information about the candidates here: <https://www.azcleaselections.gov/arizona-elections/find-my-candidates>

U.S. House of Representatives – Currently, Arizona has five Democrats and four Republicans representing the state in the U.S. House. Not sure which district you are in? Find out here: <https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative>

Here's a link to the candidates for each party:

U.S. House Democratic Primary – Five of the nine congressional districts have more than one Democrat competing to face the Republicans in November. Here's the list:

District 1 – Competitive

- Tom O'Halleran (Incumbent)
- Eva Putzova

District 2 -Competitive

- Ann Kirkpatrick (Incumbent)
- Peter Quilter

District 3 – Unopposed

- Raul Grijalva (Incumbent)

District 4 – Competitive

Delina DiSanto
Stuart Starky

District 5 – Competitive

- Joan Greene
- Jonathan Ireland
- Javier Ramos

District 6 – Competitive

Karl Gentles

Anita Malik

- Stephanie Rimmer
- Hiral Tipirneni

District 7 – Unopposed

- Ruben Gallego (Incumbent)

District 8 – Competitive

- Michael Muscato
- Bob Musselwhite
- Bob Olsen
- Kyle Martin (Write-in)

District 9 – Unopposed

- Greg Stanton (Incumbent)

U.S. House Republican Primary for U.S. Congress – Four of the districts have competitive primaries and the others are running unopposed except for write in candidates.

District 1 – Competitive

- Nolan Reidhead
- Tiffany Shedd

District 2 – Competitive

- Brandon Martin
- Joseph Morgan
- Noran Ruden
- Jordan Flayer (Write-in)

District 3 – Unopposed

- Daniel Wood
- Richard Jolley (Write-in)

District 4 – Competitive

- Paul Gosar (Incumbent)
- Anne Marie Ward

District 5 – Unopposed

- Andy Biggs (Incumbent)
- Joe Vess (Write-in)

District 6 – Unopposed

- David Schweikert (Incumbent)

District 7 – Unopposed

- Josh Barnett

District 8 – Unopposed

- Debbie Lesko (Incumbent)

District 9 - Competitive

Dave Giles

Sam Huang

- Nicholas Tutora

Arizona Corporation Commission The Arizona corporation commission is a regulatory agency for non municipal utility companies – energy, heat, trash, water, and communication firms. As such, it is in a central position regarding environmental issues including solar energy and utility rate regulations. There are five seats, and three are vacant. Each party has put up three candidates for these seats, so even though the primary in each party is uncontested (you can vote for up to three candidates), the contest in the general election will be important and hotly contested.

Democratic primary candidates (vote for up to three)

- [William Mundell](#)
- [Shea Stanfield](#)
- [Anna Tovar](#)

Republican primary candidates (vote for up to three)

- [Lea Marquez Peterson](#) (Incumbent)
- [Eric Sloan](#)
- [James O'Connor](#) (Write-in)

State Legislative Contests (data from AZ Central: <https://www.azcleelections.gov/arizona-elections/find-my-candidates> or <https://apps.arizona.vote/electioninfo/elections/2020-primary-election/legislative/2441/17/0>)

Not sure what district you are in? Find out here: <https://azredistricting.org/districtlocator/>

Arizona State Senate – Currently, there are 17 Republicans and 13 Democrats in the Arizona State Senate. In the 2020 general election, the Democrats would need to flip 3 seats to gain control.

Republican Contested Primaries for AZ Senate: (Write-in candidates not listed)

District 6 – Sylvia Allen, (incumbent) is facing challenger Wendy Rogers

District 15 – Heather Carter (incumbent) is facing Nancy Barto

District 22 – Two challengers are facing incumbent David Livingston: Vince DiCarlo and Hop Nguyen

District 23 – Michelle Ugenti-Rita (incumbent) is up against Alexander Kolodin

Democratic Contested Primaries for AZ Senate: (Write-in candidates not listed)

District 11 – Joanna Mendoza and Linda Patterson are competing to unseat Republican incumbent Vince Leach

District 24 – Lela Alston (incumbent) is being challenged by Ryan Starzyk and Seth Blattman

District 26 – Juan Mendez (incumbent) is being challenged by Jana Granillo

Arizona House of Representatives – Currently, there are 31 Republicans and 29 Democrats. The Democrats would need to flip 2 seats to gain control. Here are the districts with competitive primaries for each party, write in candidates not included. Since voters can choose two candidates in each district, the primary is considered contested only if there are three or more candidates.

Republican Contested Primaries for Arizona House:

District 1 – Five Republican candidates are competing for this seat: Selina Bliss, Judy Burges, Ed Cocchiola, Quang Nguyen, and Steven Sensmeier

District 8 - David Cook (incumbent) is being challenged by Neal Carter and Frank Pratt

District 13 - Tim Dunn (i) and Joanne Osborne (i) are being challenged by Steve Montenegro

District 15 - Jarret Hamstreet, Steve Kaiser and Justin Wilmeth are competing for the two seats

District 16 - John Fillmore (incumbent) is facing three challengers for the two seats: Lisa Godzich Forest Moriarty, and Jacqueline Parker

District 21 Kevin Payne (incumbent) is being challenged by Randy Miller and Beverly Pingerelli

District 23 Incumbents John Kavanagh and Jay Lawrence are being challenged by Joseph Chaplik.

District 25 - Russell Bowers and Michelle Udall, incumbents, are being challenged by Kathy Pearce.

District 29 – Three Republicans are competing to run against the Democrats in the general election: Billy Bragg, Helen Fokszanskyj-Conti, and Alysia McMillan

Democratic Candidates for Arizona House

District 2 - Daniel Hernandez Jr. (incumbent is running again and three others are competing with him for one of the two seats: Andrea Dalessandro, Luis Parra, Billy Peard

District 3 – Incumbents Andres Cano and Alma Hernandez are competing along with Javier Soto for the two seats

District 10 - Domingo DeGrazia (incumbent) is competing for one of the two seats along with Stephanie Stahl Hamilton and Paul Stapleton-Smith

District 19 – Incumbents Diego Espinoza and Lorenzo Sierra are running again and Leezah Sun is competing for one of the two seats

District 26- Athena Salman (incumbent) is seeking reelection and three others are seeking one of the two seats: Melody Hernandez, Patrick Morales, and **Debbie Nez Manuel**

District 27 – Two incumbents are seeking to hold onto their seats: Reginald Bolding and Diego Rodriguez. They are being challenged by Catherine H. Miranda

District 29 - Richard Andrade and Cesar Chavez incumbents are facing Teddy Castro

Maricopa County Attorney Primary

Allister Adel is currently the county attorney. She's running unopposed in the Republican primary. Julie Gunnigle, Will Knight and Robert McWhirter will compete in the Democratic primary to face Adel in November.

Over the past two months, the topic of racism in the criminal justice system has dominated discussions in this race and nationwide. [All of the candidates told The Arizona Republic](#) that they believe racism does exist in our communities and that they have plans to fix it.

Pima County Attorney Primary. The Democratic candidates running for Pima County attorney in the Aug. 4 primary election — Laura Conover, Mark Diebolt and Jonathan Mosher — all participated in a discussion of criminal justice and made their case for being elected. What follows is an excerpted version of that discussion, edited for clarity and space. Part I can be viewed online at bit.ly/3gLA3jr. Part II is at bit.ly/2ObhhFR. Also see https://tucson.com/opinion/local/behind-the-endorsement-a-summary-of-our-discussion-with-the-pima-county-attorney-candidates/article_8b35ace1-b40b-5b3b-8e1d-c381f2aba822.html

Table 1. National Polls, 2016 and 2020; and Actual Vote Margin (Note: updates are from the most recent poll available).

Poll	July-2020		Jun-16		Nov-16		Error
	Bide n	Trum p	Clint on	Trum p	Clinto n	Trum p	June 2016 poll overestimate clinton Actual: 48.2 - 46.1
Actual electoral college vote: 304 - 227; popular vote: 46.1 to 48.2							
CNN	55	46	42	38	46	42	1.9
Monmouth College	53	40	42	36	50	44	3.9
NBC/WSJ	49	40	42	38	51	44	1.9

IPSOS/Reuters	47	37	39	29	44	39	7.9
Quinnipiec Univ	52	37	40	38			-0.1
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NY							
Times/Seneca	50	36			47	43	1.9
Fox News	49	41			48	44	1.9
Real Clear							
Politics	49	41			45	42	0.9
270towin	49	41			46	42	1.9
tpm tracker					47	44	0.9
ABC/ Wash.							
Post	55	40			49	46	0.9
CBS					47	43	1.9
538	51	41					
Average			41	36	47	43	2

Table 2. State by State Polls, 2020 and 2016, and Actual Vote (most recent polls available)

State	July-20		Jun-16		Nov-16		Actual Vote		Elect Vote s
	Bide n	Trum p	Clinto n	Trum p	Clinto n	Trum p	Clinto n	Tru mp	
national vote							48.2	46.1	
Arizona	49	45	42	44	45	47	46	49	11
Florida	48	42	43	47	46	50	48	49	29
North Carolina	49	48	48	45	44	44	47	51	15
Ohio	46	45	45	44	39	46	44	52	18
Pennsylvania	55	40	45	44	46	40	48	49	20
Michigan	51	44	50	39	47	49	47.3	47.6	16
Wisconsin	49	41	48	38	49	41	47.4	47.8	10
average	48	40	46	43	45	45	47	49	

Notes: 2020 polls from NY Times/Seneca late July and others

Notes: 2016 June polls from my average of state polls

Notes: 2016 November Polls, from Wikipedia

Voting Your Values: Climate Change

Here is an opportunity to support climate action by making a pledge to Vote with Climate and Creation in Mind this Fall. Vote for candidates who support and advocate for Climate Action to preserve our Mother Earth. Please click the link below to pledge to consistently vote with the climate in mind:

<https://www.azipl.org/pledge-to-be-a-faith-climate-voter/> When you are finished making the pledge, please send a quick note to Jerry Waters at jerwat711@gmail.com stating that you have made the pledge. Since UU's Seventh Principle is "respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part", this should be one of the easiest decisions you will ever make.

Initiatives/ Petitions

Let's Keep Trying! CORONA VIRUS has postponed almost everything, including gathering signatures for petitions. Nevertheless, here's the initiatives that are still active and need signatures by July! Let's keep trying. Sign up to volunteer. Put petitions out on your sidewalk!

- **One new initiative petition has been added to the "let's support these" list, and that is Health Care Rising** <https://www.healthcarerisingaz.org/>. It would require private hospitals to meet the same national health safety standards as public; provide some protection for patients with pre existing conditions; and end "surprise billing."
- **"Invest in Ed" initiative! Volunteers are needed to take petitions into your neighborhood, to your organizations, to your friends, for signatures. Sign up here:** https://investined.com/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=search&utm_campaign=2020
- **Outlaw Dirty Money** - If you have not yet signed the "outlaw dirty money" petition or helped with it, here's the place to sign up for that one: <https://outlawdirtymoney.com/>
- **Limit ESA Expansion – Save Our Schools has launched a new initiative to limit ESA expansion. Volunteers needed to help gather signatures.** <https://sosarizona.org/volunteer/>
- **Fair Elections-** Another initiative currently gathering signatures is the Arizona for Fair elections <https://www.facebook.com/azfairelections/>. One section would allow voters to register as late as Election Day, automatically register people to vote when they apply for a driver's license, and allow more time for early voting. The Fair Elections Act

also has a section that seeks to weaken the influence of big-money donors and corporation-funded committees in political campaigns.

Update on Covid-19

Now that Arizona and almost every state is relaxing its “stay at home” orders, it is incumbent upon each of us to stay safe and to keep everyone we come in contact with safe, too. Just because restaurants can now serve in their dining room, or others are not wearing masks, does not mean we individually need to relax our own health-protective measures.

Here’s Arizona’s Re-infection Covid-19 rate (the number of other persons estimated to be infected by each currently infected person). If the rate is greater than one, then the virus is expanding, if the number of less than one, the virus is retracting.

These numbers are found at <https://rt.live/> and part of the problem is that the analysts are constantly updating all of their figures and making adjustments on the impact of increased testing and newly categorized cases! So, the data change.

3/24 – 1.36

3/31 – 1.07

4/7 - 1.02

4/15 – .92

4/22 - .89

4/29 - .93

5/5 - 1.00

Reopening Started

5/12 - 1.22

Shelter in place ended

5/19 - 1.21

5/26 – 1.24

6/2 – 1.17

6/9 – 1.13

6/16 – 1.06

6/26 – .97

7/3 - .97

7/12 - .97

7/21 - .97

Here are three exceptionally good, scientifically-based analyses that are worth reading. For your convenience, I extracted from them some of the most salient points and you can read that in an earlier AZ Legislative Alert: : <http://files.vuu.org/uujaz/2019/alert-051220.pdf>

RISKS Know Them, Avoid them. <https://www.erinbromage.com/post/the-risks-know-them-avoid-them> - Dr. Erin Bromage is an Associate Professor of biology at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. This article reviews dozens (maybe hundreds) of research studies of how corona 19 spreads.

All about masks. <https://www.datamotion.com/category/blog/> - This information is a blog written by Peter Tippett, MD, PhD. Tippett is Chairman of the DataMotion Board of Directors and currently serves as the CEO of careMESH. The blog was originally published on LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/saving-your-health-one-mask-time-peter-tippett-md-phd/>

R_t scores State by state: How fast is the virus still spreading?¹ <https://rt.live/> These are up-to-date values for R_t, a key measure of how fast the virus is growing. **It's the average number of people who become infected by an infectious person. If R_t is above 1.0, the virus will spread quickly. When R_t is below 1.0, the virus will stop spreading.**

Resources: [How to use Request to Speak](#) [How to use Resist.Bot](#) [Contacts](#) [Action](#)

[To see the full digest of bills from the 2020 legislative session, go to the PDF: <http://files.vuu.org/uujaz/2019/alert-040320digest.pdf>). The House could decide to take up some of their own that were ready for a full vote as an attempt to persuade the Senate to come back into session.

Why can R_t be going down when total number of cases testing positive is going up? Because we are testing more people, and as more people are tested, there will be more positive cases! If we had random samples of people that had been tested, we would know that the population of all people is comprised of

¹ <https://techcrunch.com/2020/04/18/instagram-founders-rt-live/>. These data are compiled by Instagram founders Kevin Systrom and Mike Krieger

- the number tested positive who are infected and showing symptoms;
- the number tested positive who are asymptomatic (this is estimated to be about xxxx% higher than those with symptoms; and
- the number tested who are negative (this is estimated to be about xxxxx% higher than those with symptoms who tested positive.)

And, from these data, the estimates of how many total people in the population would be positive if everyone were tested.

Then R at time 1 is the total number of estimated positives (actual number of people with symptoms testing positive at time 1 plus estimated number asymptomatic who were not tested and number negative who were not tested). R at time 2 is the same formula. Then, Rt is the difference between time 1 and time 2. So, if the total number of positives at time 1 is 1,000 and the total number at time 2 (say a week later) is 2000, then the Rt is 2.0. If the R at time 2 is 500, then Rt is .5.

Become a Deputy Registrar, help Get Out the Vote 2020 (postponed, but keep this in mind). If you live in Maricopa County, you can become a “deputy Registrar” and get regular updates on how you can help GOTV (get out the vote) in 2020. Once trained, you will get regular updates on where and when volunteers are needed to help insure that every eligible person is registered and able to vote in 2020. Additional dates are listed as well: www.tinyurl.com/DRClass20.

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Request to Speak – This is a way to “be heard” at the legislature without being there at all! But, first, you must be signed up. If you have signed up in the past, your old information will still get you in. If not, then go to the capitol, go to the first floor of senate or house buildings, 1700 W. Washington, and use the computer to sign up. There are people there to help you. Then, here’s how to use it there or from your phone or your computer at home:

- Get the # of the bill – You can get it from this newsletter.
- On the azleg.gov site <https://www.azleg.gov/> click on Legislative Information, then on Request to Speak
- Click on “new request” (on the menu on the left)
- Put in the bill #. (or put in name of a committee, and hit “search” to see the committee’s upcoming agenda and choose the bill #)
- You should get a message (scroll down if needed). If it says “no active agenda” then it isn’t before a committee. If you want to register your opinion anyway, click on “my bill positions” (on the menu on the left), and indicate yes or no on the bill.
- If it is before a committee, (scroll down a little to see) it will ask if you actually want to speak at the committee hearing (probably not, just click “no”) and then register for/against and put in your comment if you want.

If you want to review the bill, click on “documents” and review the bill itself or the House or Senate “fact sheet.”

- Use Resistbot to [text your state lawmakers!](#) Text STATE to 50409 to try it out.

Resistbot.io - How to use it. Click on the “messages” icon on your I-phone, then click on the pencil in the top right-hand corner. You will get a “To: “ screen. Put in 504-09 and then in the message type “resist.” They will respond and ask for your zip code or address and what you want to do. This is a free service, reportedly developed by volunteers. It will ask for your zip code or address, and then you can send a fax, letter, make a phone call, send an e-mail to Sen. Sinema and McSally and the House member as well or even to Governor Ducey.

They will call you back and connect you each Senators office.

After you have sent several, it will ask you which of the various people you want it sent to. At first, it just sends to all three, later it will add state-level elected officials, too. You get more services after you've used it awhile!

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